

Appl. No. 10/036,664
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REMARKS

Following entry of this Amendment, claims 12-31 and 33-43 will be pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

A. Objection To Claims 12, 13, 33-37 and 39-42

Claims 12, 13, 33-37 and 39-42 were each objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 12, 13, 33, 35, 36 and 39 have been made independent. Claim 34 has been amended to depend from claim 33, and claim 38 has been amended to depend from claim 36. Claim 37 depends from claim 36, and claim 39 depends from claim 38. Claims 40-42 depend from claim 39. Accordingly, claims 12, 13, 33-37 and 39-42 are believed to now be in condition for allowance.

B. Rejection Of Claims 1-11, 32, 38 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Claims 1-11, 32, 38 and 43 stand rejected under either §102 or §103 as being unpatentable in view of U.S. 4,646,362 to Heran et al. Claims 1-11 and 32 have been canceled so as not to delay allowance of the present application. Claim 38 has been made to depend from claim 36, and claim 43 has been made to depend from claim 38. As claim 36 is believed to be in condition for allowance in accordance with the remarks above, claims 38 and 43 are likewise believed to now be in condition for allowance.

C. Conclusion

Claims 12-31 and 33-43 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

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